

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. P-750
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**ORDER REQUIRING ADDITIONAL REPORT**

(Issued May 10, 2004)

At the hearing in this case on April 13, 2004, Mr. Keith Meyer expressed concerns regarding the safety of the pipeline at issue in this case. Mr. Meyer requested the opportunity to file photographs of the pipeline taken at or near 140<sup>th</sup> Street and Coon Hunter's Road in Scott County, Iowa, to show his safety concerns. At the hearing, the undersigned ruled that Mr. Meyer would be allowed to file four (4) photographs with a written explanation of each photograph and the safety concerns with the pipeline at issue in this case that he believed each showed. Mr. Meyer was given until April 30, 2004, to file his photographs. This ruling was affirmed and detailed in an order issued April 14, 2004.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Meyer filed four photographs and an explanation of each on April 30, 2004. Also pursuant to the order, on May 4, 2004, MidAmerican filed a response, an affidavit of Mr. Alan L. VerBrugge, Drawings ALV-1 and ALV-2, and photocopies of Mr. Meyer's photographs.

Mr. John Bloome, Utility Regulatory Inspector for the Utilities Board (Board) Safety & Engineering Section, inspected the pipeline route, wrote a report regarding the pipeline, and testified at the hearing. Mr. Bloome testified he believed the pipeline met all applicable safety standards.

The undersigned directs Mr. Bloome to examine the photographs and explanation filed by Mr. Meyer, and the response, affidavit, and drawings filed by MidAmerican. If he deems it necessary to form an educated opinion regarding the information filed, Mr. Bloome is directed to re-inspect the pipeline in the area shown in the photographs. Mr. Bloome is then directed to file another report regarding the information provided by the parties. In the report, Mr. Bloome must state whether he has any concerns or not regarding the pipeline as a result of the information provided and the reasons for this opinion. Mr. Bloome must also state whether his opinion that the pipeline meets all applicable safety standards has changed as a result of the information filed and explain his reasoning. Finally, Mr. Bloome must state whether he recommends MidAmerican take any remedial action as a result of the information provided, and if so, the regulatory basis for the recommended remedial action. If Mr. Bloome does not recommend MidAmerican take remedial action, he must explain his position.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

Mr. John Bloome is hereby ordered to file a report as discussed in the body of this order on or before Wednesday, May 26, 2004.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Amy L. Christensen  
Amy L. Christensen  
Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.